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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(C)(1)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

Canadian Patent CA 2,227,474 C (Skillen et al.), dated February 27, 1997;

Canadian Patent Application CA 2,216,337 A1 (Revis), dated April 24, 1998;

Canadian Office Action dated September 23, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e) the undersigned herewith states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (c) (1), consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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